

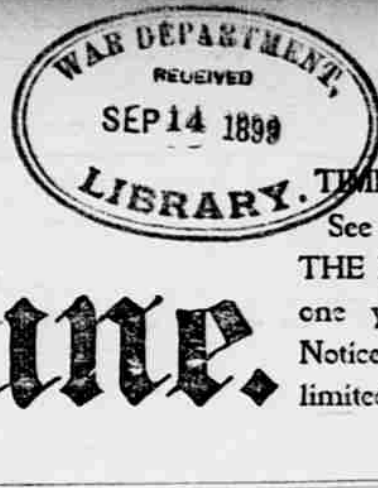
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## THE WELCOME OF THE QUAKER CITY.

Brotherly Love, Loyalty and Comradeship Hold Sway in Philadelphia.

The Varied Happenings of a Week of Grand Reunion and Hospitality—The Visit of President McKinley—Parades of Loyal Hosts—Other Features.

The boys in blue of the Grand Army of the Republic, and many, too, who are not members of that magnificent Order, responded in a mighty host to the roll-call for the great Philadelphia meeting of patriots. The soldiers had earned the welcome the Quaker City gave them, and they went away with a full appreciation of the name, "City of Brotherly Love." This intensely loyal municipality exceeded past efforts in hospitality, and the good feeling towards the veterans showed itself on the face of almost every man, woman, and child who belonged in Philadelphia.

As the city's Mayor proudly boasted, it had ever been true to the principles of American courage, and the ideal of American manhood, and had never failed to recognize the debt of gratitude the citizenship of the country owes the Grand Army of the Republic. And, on the other hand, as the President of the United States, asked, what endears this vast army to the American people and to this great city, it may be added, and in the language of that President the answer came—they saved the Nation, sacrificed something for civilization and liberty, were willing to give up their lives for a civilization and liberty for all the ages.

There were pathetic sides to this grand Reunion, among them the absence of those who had times before gathered in similar meeting, but it was perhaps best to remember only the joyous phases of this assembling of loyal hosts. The meetings with comrades in many instances not before since the war, the presence of the President, the intense interest in the doings of the Encampment sessions, the great parade, the lavish display of patriotic colors and the illuminations, the eager desire to make every one feel at home—all will be remembered with pleasure for many a day.

Except for the few stragglers who wanted to see the city's sights before the host filled it, Saturday night really saw the vanguard of the great army in the city. From that time every train that came into the city bore its loyal contingent of visitors, and on Monday scores of thousands of persons arrived between daybreak and midnight. The notables began to put in an appearance on this day. The city became like a fairy palace at night under the illuminations; every one was cheered by the prospect of a good time; many old and happy meetings took place on the streets; there was something to attract attention every moment, and the crowded streets were full of ever-shifting scenes.

### ACTING COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF APPEARS.

The first event of special interest to the Grand Army men was the arrival of Acting Commander-in-Chief Johnson. With the arrival from Cincinnati of this official the Encampment might be said to have been formally inaugurated. Col. Johnson was accompanied by the Posts of Cincinnati and several bands of music. He was met at the Pennsylvania Railroad station by a large reception committee, headed by Gen. Louis Wagner, Chairman of the Local Executive Committee, and escorted to his headquarters at the Continental Hotel.

### OPENING OF CAMP SECTON.

Another event in the beginning of the week's great Reunion was the opening of Camp Sexton, a most interesting place to thousands during the stay of the veterans. On Monday morning, when the sun came from behind the hills the battery at the camp disturbed the slumber of the boys in blue with a National salute. This was the formal signal of the opening of the camp and the roar of the guns was followed by

cheer after cheer, battle cries, and the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner." There were over 50 Posts and a few battalions represented; 1,700 men were enrolled at daybreak, while on Monday night 7,000 were under canvas. Col. T. H. Maginnis, the camp commander, was alive all the time to the wants of the veterans, and here they were as comfortable as one may be in a camp, and several entertaining features were provided for them.

### NAVAL VETERAN PARADE.

The opening parade of the week, that of the Naval Veterans, took place Monday afternoon, the route being the same as that followed by the G. A. R. on Tuesday, and was participated in by about 1,000 civil war naval veterans and a like number of sailors and marines from Admiral Sampson's fleet. While small in numbers when compared with the big parade on the day following, the Naval Veterans made a splendid showing, and all along the line of march the shipmates were greeted by thousands of cheering spectators.

At the head of the column rode the mounted escort of police, followed by Daniel P. Kelly, Marshal of the Parade, and his Aids. The First Division, under command of Capt. T. J. Jewell, followed. This Division was composed of the United States Naval Brigade, consisting of 11 companies of 25 men each, from the battleships New York, Indiana, Texas, and Massachusetts, and cruisers Brooklyn, Nashville and Detroit. The men were attired in white helmets, blue coats, and white duck trousers.

After these came 30 companies of seamen from Admiral Sampson's squadron, dressed in soft caps, blue jackets open at the neck, white duck trousers and brown leggings.

One of the most attractive features of the parade came next, in five detachments, from the Prairie, the Sylph, the Dolphin and other vessels lying at League Island Navy Yard, dragging four brass howitzers, mounted on four-wheeled trucks, and a Colt automatic rapid-fire gun, also mounted upon a carriage.

In carriages following the seamen were Rear-Admiral Sampson, Rear-Admiral George W. Melville, representing the Secretary of Navy, Admiral Silas Casey, Commandant of the League Island Navy Yard, Capt. C. D. Sigbee, and many other officers of the North Atlantic Squadron and guests of honor.

The Second Division was headed by officers of the United States Revenue Cutter Service in carriages, Capt. William H. Roberts commanding, who led the way for detachments of men from the U. S. S. Manning, Onondaga, Gresham, Windom and Algonquin. With them were representatives from the U. S. S. Philadelphia, Arctus, Alliance, Texas and Raleigh.

In the Third Division the sailors and seafighters of a generation ago followed in the footsteps of their younger brothers. Rear-Admiral J. F. Foss was in command. The Farragut Association of Naval Veterans, Philadelphia, John F. Mackie, commanding, came first, with a splendid turnout of 150 men, in plain fatigue caps and the simple blue uniform of the organization.

Following Farragut Association were 32 other Associations of Naval Veterans from all parts of the country, and also several independent societies of naval veterans. Shipmates who hold membership in the G. A. R. and those who served in the navy during the Spanish war also marched. Four "jacksies" from the Boston, who were with Devey at Manila Bay, were in the parade.

At Broad and Spruce streets the parade was reviewed by Rear-Admiral Silas Casey, who ranks Admiral Sampson.

The commander of the squadron stood at the right hand, and back of the two Admirals were the naval officers, who had ridden in carriages, and Rear-Admiral Melville.

Altogether the parade was the finest in the history of the Naval Veterans' Association, and while the seamen and marines from the fleet added to the numbers and splendor of the pageant, they did not detract from the interest displayed in the survivors of the navy of 1861-65.

### ARRIVAL OF THE PRESIDENT.

President William McKinley's arrival was the signal for a great patriotic demonstration from the veterans and others. He arrived at 9 o'clock Monday night from Washington, and was driven from the Broad Street Station to his hotel. In the station a joyous shout of welcome was raised, and men, women, and children, venerable grandfathers and irrepressible street gamins made the way an avenue of noisy triumph. There was a great crowd assembled in the depot awaiting the arrival.

The receiving party consisted of Mayor Ashbridge, Directors English and Hadcock; Gen. Louis Wagner, Chairman of the Executive Committee; Louis Reither, Congressman H. H. Bingham, Councilman Thomas S. Willbank, Col. James Forney; Col. E. C. Boshyshell, Consul-General to Egypt; Thomas Harrison, Hampton L. Moore, George W. Kendrick, James Hoyt, Col. Charles Betz, Col. Theodore E. Weidersheim, Councilman Harry Clay, Samuel P. Town, Charles Mitchell, and Col. John B. Nicholson.

Soon after these had ranged themselves in line in front of the crowd, some one in the rear shouted, "Here she comes," and the special train appeared, slowly sliding into the station. Gen. Wagner quickly leaped upon the Presidential car and met the President.

Mr. McKinley, leaning upon the arm of his stalwart companion, and escorted also by the Mayor, passed quietly down the line, pausing to shake hands with various ones who presented themselves. He was dressed in a dark broadcloth suit, with light vest and soft white hat. He looked much better than for sometime past, carried his head well back, and walked with a firm tread of good health, showing that his Summer outing had done him good. The Presidential party followed, accompanied by the members of the receiving party. A mighty shout was raised as he appeared in the street. Soon the President and his party were seated in carriages, guarded by a detail of mounted policemen, and the drive to the hotel was quickly made.

The German United Singing Societies shortly afterwards serenaded the President. On Tuesday morning the President received the officers of the North Atlantic Squadron, just previous to the review of the great parade.

During Tuesday the President made an interesting visit to the North Atlantic Squadron, and saw the workings of the big destroyers.

### THE GREAT PARADE.

Thirty Thousand G. A. R. Men March Through Philadelphia's Streets—Reviewed by President McKinley and Thousands of Loyal People.

To the strains of patriotic music and the triumphant shriek of fife and the beat of drums 30,000 members of the Grand Army of the Republic Tuesday marched several miles through the streets of the Quaker City, and received an ovation equal to any the Order has met before. For miles the streets were congested to such extent that all traffic was stopped, but this was but the result of the outpouring of the citizens to pay tribute to the boys in blue. All this could be done to make the event a success was done. The veterans passed through a veritable kaleidoscope of color and design in patriotic decoration, and cheers everywhere greeted the appearance of each organization. Clear skies and a medium temperature made the day a perfect one, although the line of march was not altogether free from pathetic failures to make the full march.

One of the dramatic events of the day, just previous to the parade, was the appearance of President McKinley on the line of march. As the President started off up Broad street a great wave of cheering

rolled up which never ceased until he had traversed the entire route and back again. He was accompanied by Mayor Ashbridge and Gen. Louis Wagner, Chairman of the Executive Committee, Secretary of War Root, Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, Prof. Schurman, of the Philippine Commission, and Secretaries to the President J. Addison Porter and George E. Cortelyou. They were followed by Rear-Admiral Sampson, Capt. Chadwick, of the battleship New York, and Lieut.-Commander Winslow, Sampson's Flag Lieutenant. Then came all the other Captains of the North Atlantic Squadron lying in the river. The party drove down Chestnut street past the historic old State House, and as it swept by the President took off his hat, which was the signal for a wild burst of enthusiasm. The party reached the reviewing stand at the City Hall at 10:10 o'clock, and the President waited in the rooms of the Director of Public Works until the head of the procession reached the stand. In these rooms were a considerable number of city officials and ladies.

As soon as word was received of the approach of the processions Mayor Ashbridge and Gen. Wagner escorted the President to his place on the stand. His appearance was the signal for a great outburst of cheering, to which he responded with a short, affable bow. The President occupied the advanced position arranged for him, and had Gen. Wagner as a companion. Back of them sat Admiral Sampson and his officers, all in uniform, as were also the officers of Gov. Stone's staff. All the other dignitaries were seated close by. Besides those mentioned above there were on the reviewing stand Col. Samuel Moody, Col. Frank G. Sweeney, Col. Sheldon Potter, Maj. W. C. Richardson, Gov. William A. Stone, Gen. J. P. S. Gobin, Col. J. P. Nicholson, Gen. James A. Beaver, George Hawkes, Hon. S. W. Reynolds, Col. Robert B. Beath, Jas. A. Miles, H. Clay Evans, Commissioner of Pensions, Wendel Hartman, Gen. W. J. Sewell, Hon. Boies Penrose, Gen. H. H. Bingham, Lieut.-Col. Barnett, 10th Pa., Hon. Wm. McAleer, and others.

From the very beginning the President was busy replying to the salutes from the passing veterans. He stood erect, and bowed and waved his black silk hat, and as some enthusiastic would become hysterical in their greeting, he would smile good-naturedly. Every now and again a break in the column gave him an opportunity to take a rest, and he promptly availed himself of the chair that was in readiness. As State after State passed his greeting did not lag, but when Ohio came along, and especially the delegation from Canton, his old home, he visibly brightened and responded heartily to the cries of "What's the matter with Ohio? She's all right!"

The arrangements for the parade were excellent. "How many men do you expect to have in line, General?" was asked Gen. J. W. Jatta, Marshal, as he sat upon his spirited horse at Broad street and Girard avenue.

"Probably 30,000. The number may be more. I do not think it will be less." "Will you get away on time?" "Why, of course. Soldiers are always ready to move. There will be no delay." Everything moved like clock work. There was not a hitch anywhere. The boys in blue had all been early risers. They had not forgotten calls of more than 35 years ago for sentry duty, and though some had slept but a few hours, they were ready for the day's orders.

So there was not a break of any kind, and Latta knew there would not be. The movements had been too carefully planned for that to occur. As he spoke thousands of men were marching to the positions to which they had been assigned to wait the word of command.

And he started them 15 minutes before the necessary time. Just after the President passed by the head of column on his return trip, Latta gave the order to march, leading the way with mounted police and his aids. Then came the various Departments of the Grand Army. It was a procession of heroes, a great lesson to the youth of the day, a great evidence of the debt the people owe the saviors of the Republic.

### FIRST DIVISION.

After the company of mounted police, clearing the street for the parade, rode



COL. ALBERT D. SHAW, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, G. A. R.

## THE BUSINESS OF A GREAT ORDER.

Interesting Session of the 33d National Encampment, G. A. R.

Important Actions of the Delegates—Col. Albert D. Shaw Chosen Commander-in-Chief—Honors for W. C. Johnson—The Resolutions in Regard to Pensions, Chicago the Next Meeting-Place.

### OPENING OF THE ENCAMPMENT.

Formal Welcome to the National Encampment—Speeches by the Governor of Pennsylvania and Mayor of Philadelphia—Brief Address by the President.

The formal opening of the Encampment took place Tuesday evening at the Academy of Music, in the presence of a crowd which packed the immense auditorium to its utmost limit. It was a happy idea of the Program Committee to make the opening ceremonies so entirely public, and have them take place the evening before the business session. Heretofore these have taken place at the opening of the business session. But a limited number of citizens could be present, and the different addresses took up much time, and immediately after they were concluded it was disagreeable as well as impolite to hustle the hosts out, and clear the hall of every one but members of the Encampment. It was saying in effect, "Yes, thank you for your warm welcome, and all that you have done for our entertainment, but skip out now, because we prefer our own society."

To hold the ceremonies in a great public hall, packed with the citizens, who could hear the speeches and see the leading men, made a splendid introduction of the Encampment to Philadelphia, and made every resident feel that he was really one of the hosts of the gathering. The Committee on Program are entitled to great credit for this innovation.

The stage of the Academy was a brilliant sight, with its plenitude of lights and decorations, the crowd of naval officers in full uniform, the G. A. R. officers in striking but plainer uniforms, and the background of citizens in every-day clothes.

Gov. W. L. Stone made a brief, well-worded address of welcome from the State of Pennsylvania, and was followed by Mayor Ashbridge, representing the City of Philadelphia. The Commander-in-Chief directed Judge-Advocate Ell Torrence to reply, which he did in excellent manner and spirit.

### PRESIDENT SPEAKS.

The President was introduced as "Comrade" McKinley, and said, in part: "It has given me great pleasure to associate with you to-day. I have been deeply touched by many of the scenes which many of us have witnessed. With the joy aside of the glad Reunion of old comrades who fought side by side for a common cause and for a common country there was the other side, that so many of our comrades who two years ago had marched proudly with you through the City of Buffalo are no longer in the ranks."

"The circle grows narrower. As years roll on one after another is not present at our Reunions, but accounted for. They have gone to join the great majority of our comrades who sleep to-night beneath the green tents whose curtains never outward sway."

Gen. Sickles was next introduced and made a brief address, expressing his admiration for the Nation's Civil Executive. A few minutes later the President's party with Admiral Sampson and his staff left the Academy of Music and proceeded to Odd Fellows Hall, where President McKinley was the guest of honor at a banquet.

quiet tendered by George G. Meade Post, Lafayette Post, of New York, and Kingsley Post, of Boston.

### FIRST DAY.

Opening the Business Session—The Acting Commander-in-Chief's Address—Election of Comrade Johnson as Commander-in-Chief.

The Encampment met promptly in the Grand Opera House, and was called to order by the Acting Commander-in-Chief. After the formal proceedings, the Acting Commander-in-Chief read his address, which was listened to with deep interest, and frequently applauded.

### COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

Comrade Shinn, of Ohio, moved that the rules be suspended and Acting Commander-in-Chief Johnson be elected Commander-in-Chief.

Comrade I. N. Walker moved that the sense of the Encampment was that the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief become Commander-in-Chief upon the death of the former incumbent.

A point of order was carried. Comrade Gobin (Pa.) spoke against the point of order, and in favor of Johnson being declared Commander-in-Chief from the death of Col. Sexton.

Comrade Wagner (Pa.) did not want to complicate the question by other issues now. He asked Comrade Walker to withdraw his amendment until later.

Comrade Cole (N. J.) argued in support of his point of order. He was in favor of Comrade Johnson, being elected, Commander-in-Chief to date from the death of Col. Sexton.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief ruled the point of order well taken.

The question was then put and Comrade Johnson was unanimously elected Commander-in-Chief to date from the death of Col. Sexton. He feelingly returned his thanks.

Comrade Kay moved that Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Ross be elected, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Carried.

There were several nominations for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Adf. Gen. Stewart was nominated but positively declined.

It was decided that the office should remain vacant.

INSTALLING THE OFFICERS. Past Commander-in-Chief Wagner then proceeded to install the newly-elected officers.

On motion of Comrade R. B. Brown, of Ohio, the report of the Committee on Pensions was made the special order for 2:30 in the afternoon.

### COMMITTEES.

The following committees were announced:

### RULES AND RITUAL

R. B. Beath, Frank Seaman, H. M. Nevins, James S. Dodge, J. H. Goulding.

### COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S ADDRESS.

I. N. Walker, J. P. S. Gobin, Thomas G. Lawler, John S. Kowitz, George S. Merrill.



THE GRAND ARMY PASSING IN REVIEW BEFORE THE PRESIDENT. The picture above is from a photograph of the grand stand erected at the east front of the City Hall in Philadelphia. The Post that was approaching at the instant the photograph was taken was Memorial Post, No. 141, of Cleveland, Ohio, whose band appears in the middle foreground. The President is standing under the canopy at the left of the white column.

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